

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NGUYEN *ET AL.*

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Title: "METHODS FOR REDUCING
PARTICULATE DENSITY AND
METHODS OF USING REDUCED-
DENSITY PARTICLES"

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Examiner: LIGHTFOOT, ELENA TSOY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 17, 2009

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 17, 2009 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an Advisory Action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the amendments and remarks made herein. Applicants submit the following:

- **Listing of the Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.